

IN THE CLAIMS

1-29. (cancelled)

30. (new) A composite board which includes a moulded front wall, a sheet insert which is covered with a sealant and which is attached to the front wall, a frame element which is attached to the front wall and the insert and an adhesive which acts between the front wall, the insert and the frame element.

31. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 wherein the front wall is made from a mouldable composition.

32. (new) A composite board according to claim 31 wherein the mouldable composition includes a first resin and a catalyst.

33. (new) A composite board according to claim 32 wherein the first resin is a thermosetting resin.

34. (new) A composite board according to claim 31 wherein the mouldable composition includes a hydraulic binder.

35. (new) A composite board according to claim 34 wherein the mouldable composition includes reinforcing.

36. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 wherein the insert is made from an expanded or foamed material.

37. (new) A composite board according to claim 36 wherein the material includes any one of polystyrene, polyurethane and phenolic foams.

38. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 wherein the insert is made from an open-celled polymeric foam.

39. (new) A composite board according to claim 38 wherein the polymeric foam is impregnated with a hydraulic binder.

40. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 wherein the sealant is in the form of a thermoplastics polymer.

41. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 wherein the adhesive includes a second resin and a catalyst.

42. (new) A composite board according to claim 41 wherein the second resin is a thermosetting resin.

43. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 which includes a reinforcing member which is submerged in the adhesive.

44. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 which includes a backing sheet which covers the insert and the frame element.

45. (new) A composite board according to claim 30 which includes a connecting layer which is applied to the insert and the frame element with which a second composite board is secured to the insert and the frame element.

46. (new) A method of manufacturing a composite board which includes the steps of:

- A) applying a mouldable composition to a mould surface;
- B) allowing the mouldable composition to set to form a front wall;
- C) applying an adhesive to the front wall;

- D) engaging a sheet insert and a frame element with the adhesive; and
- E) allowing the front wall, insert and frame element to be attached to one another by the adhesive.

47. (new) A method according to claim 46 wherein the mould surface is made from silicone rubber.

48. (new) A method according to claim 46 which includes the step of submerging a reinforcing member in the adhesive.

49. (new) A method according to claim 46 which includes the step of covering the sheet with a sealant.